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SUBJ: SPANISH WINES, INFORMATION REQUESTED

1. THE WINE INSTITUTE HAS LODGED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS WITH TREASURY DEPT CONCERNING USE OF VARIETAL AND SEMI- GENERIC DESIGNATIONS ON IMPORTED SPANISH WINE.

2. ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE NEEDED TO ENABLE TREASURY TO EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTER LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO LABELING AND IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN SPANISH WINES: (A) DO ANY WINES PRODUCED AND BOTTLED IN SPAIN FOR CONSUMPTION IN SPAIN HAVE LABELS DESIGNATING THEM AS SPANISH BURGUNDY, SPANISH SAUTERNE, SPANISH CHABLIS OR SPANISH RHINE? (B) DO THE FOLLOWING GRAPE VARIETALS GROW IN SPAIN IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES: PINOT NOIR, PINOT CHARDONNARY, CABERNET SAUVINGNON, ZINFANDEL, GAMAY, UNCLASSIFIED

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RIESLING, CHENIN BLANC? IF SO, ARE WINES BEARING THESE DESIGNATIONS MADE FROM NOT LESS THAN 51 PERCENT OF THE GRAPE VARIETY SHOWN ON THE LABEL? (C) DOES THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZE, IN ANY MANNER, GRAPE GROWERS, WINE MAKERS OR WINE SHIPPERS FOR WINES THEY EXPORT?

3. DO EC QTE SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS UNQTE RE QUALITY STANDARDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED APRIL 1 POSE ANY PROBLEMS FOR SPANISH WINE EXPORTS TO EC?

4. AS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IN THE FOREGOING, AN EARLY CABLE REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED PARTICULARLY TO THE FIRST QUESTION 2(A) ABOVE.

5. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION ONLY: AS PARTY TO THE MADRID CONVENTION FOR THE REPRESSION OF FALSE OR DECEPTIVE INDICATIONS OF SOURCE ON GOODS, SPAIN CANNOT LEGALLY SELL WITHIN SPAIN WINE LABELED WITH DESIGNATIONS SPECIFIED IN 2(A) ABOVE AND U. S. LAW (CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS TITLE 27 SECTION 4.25 A 3) DOES NOT PERMIT USE OF DESIGNATIONS ON WINES SOLD IN THE U. S. UNLESS THEY ARE IN CONFORMITY WITH RULES GOVERNING DESIGNATION OF WINES FOR HOME CONSUMPTION IN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. ROGERS

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